

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

PRIESTS: Rev. Kieran McAteer, P.P. Tel. 9131135
Rev. Anthony Briody, C.C. Tel 9131157
Parish Website - www.stranorlarparish.ie
Email - stranorlarparish@gmail.com
Live Streaming - www.mcnmedia.tv
St. Mary's Parish Centre Tel. 9175853
St. Vincent de Paul Tel. 087 9955351

1st Sunday of Lent - 1st March 2020

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 8am, 9.30am & 11am
Weekdays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7.30am & 10am.
Friday 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7pm - 7.30pm
Saturday - 12 - 1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm

ADORATION: Thursday - 10.30am - Friday 10am

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday 12.15pm & 1st Saturday of every Month.
(Please give two weeks notice)

Lenten Breakfast & Morning Tea: There will be breakfast after the 7.30am Mass on Friday mornings and tea after the 10am Mass on Monday mornings during lent in St. Mary's Parish Centre. Come along for tea and a chat. A small donation would be appreciated. All welcome.

Choir Practices for March: Friday 12th, 19th & 26th at 8pm in the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Ministers of the Word - March: Saturday (Vigil 6pm) - Mary McGinley.
Sunday (8am) - Michael Scanlan. Sunday (9.30am) - Seamus Kelly.
Sunday (11am) - Donal Bonar.

Baptisms: The following children were received into the Christian Community of Stranorlar during February - Holly Brigid Friel, Tommy Anthony McFadden Friel, Kathy Brigid Doherty, Luke John O'Neill & Corey Joseph McCrudden.

Trocaire Boxes: Lenten Trocaire Boxes are available in the porches.

Lenten Scripture Programme: This year why not travel with Jesus as he enters into his passion? **'No Greater Love'** is a Lenten programme, based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land. Over five weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus through the scriptures from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. The short films are presented by Edward Sri who leads us on a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. At each session there will be the opportunity to pray and talk together as members of our Parish Family in St. Mary's Parish Centre commencing on this Tuesday 3rd March from 8pm – 9.30pm. There are 5 sessions – one for each week of Lent before we enter into Holy Week.

Ballybofey & Stranorlar Darkness Into Light: Please note that online registration is now open. If you require any help with registration please call the Base Enterprise Centre on 074 9190909.

New Genealogy Group for the Finn Valley: The Ballybofey, Stranorlar & District Historical Group are starting a new Genealogy group for the Finn Valley area in the Meeting Rooms at the Glenside Business Park on the Glenfin Road, Ballybofey (beside Pro Fitness) on Thursday 5th March at 7pm. Malcolm Houston will give a talk on the night about an introduction into genealogy. It is hoped every meeting that the group will take a look at the different ways of discovering your family history through Census, Online records, Griffith's Valuations and the different aspects of DNA. There has been a good interest in this already so a big crowd is expected. All welcome.

Daffodil Day: The Donegal Daffodil Day Committee will launch their fundraising efforts for this year in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Monday, March 2nd at 7pm. Volunteers and supporters are invited to attend. Speakers on the night will include a night nurse, a volunteer driver and community fundraiser, Ena Barrett. The launch will last approximately one hour.

Bake Sale: In preparation for Confirmation, the 6th class pupils of St Mary's and Dooish N. S. are hosting a bake sale in St Mary's Parish Centre, directly after each Mass this weekend (Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March.) All proceeds will be given directly to Sr. Deirdre Mullan of the United Nations and will go towards purchasing school uniforms for children in the Nuba Mountains in South Sudan. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Bereavement Retreat in Ards Friary: Friday 6th March - Sunday 8th March. A weekend retreat at reflecting on the pain of loss and how to cope with it. Facilitator: Fr. Philip Baxter OFM. Cost: €190 (Full board)